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BE THANKFUL BUT VIGILANT.

On this Thanksgiving Day Americans have reason to be thankful. But while being thankful for the bounties that have been our measure for the past year we have reason to be warned that conditions as they now exist will not long endure unless the people become awake to enemies of our government now active in their work of destruction.

The first Thanksgiving day was one of blessing and thankfulness to the Almighty for his deliverance of that noble band who braved the seas in their search for a land wherein they might worship God as their conscience dictated.

Here they founded a government of the people; by the people; for the people.

This government was not formed until after a great war had been fought to separate this nation from the mother country of those settlers. Its career was not assured until a war of rebellion was fought, and millions of men "dedicated their lives that this nation might live."

In the hours of adversity there was no that of destroying the form of government. During the years of struggle in which this land was transformed from a wilderness to a gigantic state spanned from coast to coast with mighty railroads, covered with millions of fertile farms and everywhere supplied with schools and universities, there was no that of tearing this government asunder.

But now in the hour of the nation's greatness the followers of a philosophy of laziness and of selfishness, would tear down that which others have wrought to build. The parlor Bolshevist, the Socialist is an avowed enemy of the nation. If on this Thanksgiving day we are thankful for peace and safety it is well to remember that we have these things to be thankful for, in spite of these elements in our population.

Had these obstructors had their way the world war would not yet have ended. They did everything in their power to paralyze the government at every turn. They fought against the operation of one of the most just laws a democracy ever framed, the conscription act. They were the ready tools of the Prussian autocrats, they aided in the obstructive strikes, they assisted in the bombing of ammunition plants, they murdered our citizens in times of war and have not stopped their dastardly crimes with the advent of peace.

Since we have reason to be thankful for wondrous blessings in spite of these enemies let us remember that there are other Thanksgiving days coming that to be observed. In the land of the free calls for the devotion of every true American to our government as it stands today the greatest, the best, the most benign government man has yet devised. To live under such a government is reason enough to be thankful today.

HANG THE MURDERERS.

Murderers are not hanged because society is bloodthirsty and wants vengeance. They are not hanged because society is acting on the Hebrew law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. They are hanged in all civilized countries to protect society against its enemies.

The wave of crime that has swept over Oregon have reached a point where something must be done to protect the lives of citizens. The state, if worthy of the name, must do its utmost to stop the murder of men and women who live, as we all do in the belief that organized society is protecting them. If the state will not do this, men will find other ways.

outside the law, of accomplishing that result.

The murder committed by the convict Johnson and the recent double murder in Portland show that Oregon is the habitation of many ex-convicts who knowing that they will not be called upon to face the hangman in this state ply their trade with impunity. So long as the present laws exist no man's life is safe, or woman's either.

The only plea for the retention of the present law is the danger, and it is but a slight one, that some innocent man might be hung thru circumstantial evidence. In this day and age with all the resources and openings left in the criminal code and the rules of court procedure there is little likelihood of an innocent man going to the gallows. Rather it is the rule that hundreds of villains escape punishment for one innocent man who is unjustly sentenced.

There is no doubt concerning the temper of the people of Oregon. They want capital punishment restored, and it will be restored. Efforts are already under way to have petitions circulated and they should be signed by everyone who believes in substantial justice for men who held life so cheap that they would slay in order to rob or for other motives.

DECIDE NOW.

Now is the time to decide how Ontario lawns are to be watered next season. Something must be done now if the problem is to be solved before the water is needed.

Ever since last summer when the present system was installed there has been talk of finding another way to water the lawns but so far nothing but talk has resulted. It is timely and natural that the subject should be thoroughly discussed before a definite program is proposed but there is no use in waiting until spring and then having to do all the talking over again before arriving at a course of action.

If there is to be a change in the present system the people ought to know it as soon as possible for they have to prepare for the season and it may make a great deal of difference to many property owners if the present system is to be used or a new one placed in operation.

If a new irrigation system is to be used, instead of sprinkling, lot owners who are to improve their places, especially those who will have new homes, will have to grade their lots accordingly and they should know in advance what will be needed, where the water is to come from and other details before they plant their lawns. The more advanced in their knowledge the better it will be for them, and will permit of a more general campaign for the improvement of the city.

The addition of a thousand or more trees—and that is not an unreasonable number to expect in On-

tario—would do more to improve the city than anything that can be imagined. With the trees, of course, would go many new lawns. What a change such improvement would make in Ontario. And this can all be done without a great deal of work or expense.

INSTALL THE LIGHTS.

If it be possible to do so Ontario ought to go all the way in "dolling up" and install the street lighting system contemplated when the parkway cable was ordered.

One business man who owns several lots on Oregon street, has declared his willingness to pay for the poles needed in front of the lots he is interested in. Others no doubt are equally willing to do this. On top of the paving this would be a big boost for the city.

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9:30 a. m., Catechism for the boys and girls.
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BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible school 10:00.
Morning Worship 11:00.
Gospel Service 8:00.
Prayer Service Wednesday 8:00.

NAZARENE CHURCH
J. M. Wines, Pastor.
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching.
8:00 p. m. Thursday, Prayer Meeting in the Church.
Everybody urged to attend all services.

10:00, bible school.
11:00, public worship. Sermon subject, "The Bible School."
7:30, worship. Sermon subject, the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt Not Commit Adultery."
W. E. Cochran, Minister

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday Services,
10 a. m. Sunday school.
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